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(SBU) On April 12, we delivered reftel message to Ministry of Foreign Affairs UN section and Ministry of Education section for UNESCO. MFA UN Section Chief Jostien Leiro told us that Norway will be flexible, but intends to keep Migration and Education, Item 8, on the UNESCO Executive Board agenda. MFA and Ministry of Education conferred earlier in the day and also passed reftel points to their counterparts in Paris. Regarding the U.S. position, Leiro went on to say that Norway sees academic qualifications as an educational issue that broadly falls under UNESCO purview and the Executive Board is an appropriate venue to discuss this issue and ways to deal with different national treatments.

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